

TREE-PLANTING

A Tree Planting scheme prepared by one of the Shipton Parish Councillors, Mr Malcolm Cochrane, and entered in the Oxfordshire County Council Tree Planting Competition 1980/81 has been successful and awarded a special prize of 3 Hornbeams.

The idea, which was first mooted in Jubilee Year, is to plant an Oak Tree as a sign of welcome where a road or path crosses the Parish boundary. To carry out this theme, 10 Oak Trees supplied by the County Council will shortly be planted.

The Parish Council would welcome help with the planting and care of these trees. Please contact Mr Cochrane or any member of the Parish Council if you wish to assist in any way.

In Ascott a Village Society was formed some time ago to try to restore some of the lost beauty of our immediate surroundings. Mr John Campbell devised a tree-planting scheme which won a prize of £50 in the O.C.C. Competition.

Several years ago the County Council gave us 10 Oak seedlings which have recently been transplanted into Mr Harry Cook's field opposite the Wychwood Arms.

The Council for the Preservation of Rural England have planted a promising row of young trees along the verges of Charlbury Road and Sandpit Lane. Ascott W.I. put a Silver Birch in the Pound to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

The remaining funds of the now defunct Village Society were handed over to the Parish Council. They will be pleased to hear from anyone who would help to look after the new trees or of landowners who will set aside any places where more may be planted.

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The annual tidy-up of the (closed) Shipton Churchyard has been arranged for Saturday 11 April from 9.30 am. Volunteers will be most welcome. Please bring your own tools and, if you live nearby, wheelbarrows will be appreciated.

THE ROYAL WEDDING

The Editor would like to hear from anyone who would like to watch the event on 29 July on colour television